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SUBJECT: LOS DEEP SEABED MINING

1. AMBASSADOR PLANS EARLY VISIT TO SUDBURY, ONTARIO - HEART OF NICKEL MINING COUNTRY - WHERE HE WILL MEET WITH CIVIC AND BUSINESS LEADERS. EMBASSY EXPECTS HE WILL BE ASKED TO EXPLAIN US POSITION ON DEEP SEABED MINING WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO OUR SIX PERCENT FORMULAS IMPACT ON CANADA'S LAND-BASED INDUSTRIES. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP COMPREHENSIVE STATISTICAL DATA ON WHICH US POSITION IS BASED TO BRIEF AMBASSADOR PRIOR TO SUDBURY MEETINGS. DATA SHOULD INCLUDE INFORMATION ON CUMULATIVE GROWTH SEGMENT OF WORLD NICKEL MARKET WHICH WOULD BE USED TO COMPUTE BASIS OF ANNUAL RATE OF INCREASE UNDER U.S. FORMULA. POSSIBLE BASE PERIOD AMOUNTS ON WHICH THIS WOULD BE COMPUTED WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED.

2. AS LOS NEGOTIATIONS APPROACH, EMBASSY WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF INCREASING ATTENTION IS PAID TO DEEP SEABED MINING ISSUE IN CANADA. AS AN EXAMPLE OF THIS, TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL ON MARCH 23 PUBLISHED COLUMN BY GEOFFREY STEVENS ENTITLED "LOCALE SHIFTS AGAIN" WHICH IS DEVOTED TO LOS EVENSEN GROUP MEETING AND WHICH CONCLUDES WITH: "FINALLY, THE ISSUE OF PRODUCTION CONTROLS MUST BE

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RESOLVED. THE SCHEME PROPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES WOULD IMPOSE NOT SO MUCH A CEILING AS A FLOOR. THIS CONCERNS CANADA WHICH SEEKS TO PROTECT ITS LAND-BASED NICKEL INDUSTRY. IT ALSO WORRIES POORER COUNTRIES WHICH ARE DEVELOPING THEIR OWN NICKEL AND COPPER RESOURCES. THERE IS A SUSPICION, A FEAR, THAT THE UNITED STATES, JAPAN, SOVIET UNION AND SOME EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WILL UNDERCUT

LAND-BASED PRODUCERS BY SUBSIDIZING SEABED MINING SO AS
TO GAIN NEW MINERAL RESERVES FOR STRATEGIC PURPOSES."
3. STATISTICAL DATA PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT IN RESPONSE
PARA ONE MIGHT BE USED BY EMBASSY TO REPLY TO STEVENS'
APPARENT MISREPRESENTATION OF US POSITION. EMBASSY WOULD
APPRECIATE ANY SUGGESTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT REGARDING AD-
VISABILITY OF SUCH A RESPONSE AND WHAT MIGHT BE SAID IN
A LETTER TO THE TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL TO CORRECT ANY
FALSE IMPRESSIONS REGARDING US POSITION. ENDERS

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